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Further working arrangements for the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/16 of 20 November 2006 and 68/1 of 20 September 2013 concerning the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating that, as a principal organ of the United Nations, the Council is entitled to hold ad hoc meetings as and when needed, with full substantive support and conference services, to address urgent developments in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Noting that the arrangements set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1 should not lead to an increase in the number of meeting days currently provided for the Council,

Acknowledging that, in scheduling its sessions, meetings and consultations, the Council should take into consideration meetings of other bodies dealing with economic, social and environmental issues to avoid unnecessary overlapping and overburdening of their agendas,

Recalling the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development[1] and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[2]

Recalling also its resolution 2017/1 of 28 July 2016 on working arrangements for its 2017 session:

[1] General Assembly resolution 69/313, annex.
[2] General Assembly resolution 70/1.

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Reaffirms that the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up is dedicated to discussing the follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and further affirms that future decisions relating to the forum are to be contained within the forum's intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations;

Recalls paragraphs 131 and 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;

Also recalls paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of General Assembly resolution 70/299 of 29 July 2016, in which the Assembly decided, inter alia, that the Economic and Social Council shall ensure the alignment of its annual main themes and the corresponding annual themes of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Council, to foster coherence;

Decides that the 2017 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up will convene from 22 to 25 May, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to General Assembly resolution 68/1 and without setting a precedent for future discussions, and will include the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.